

May 3, 2018

VIA ECF

The Honorable Jesse M. Furman
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Centre Street, Room 2202
New York, NY 10007

RE: *State of New York, et al. v. United States Department of Commerce, et al.*,
18-CV-2921-JMF (S.D.N.Y)

Dear Judge Furman:

The Court's notice of initial pretrial conference directs that counsel for all parties appear for the conference currently calendared for May 9. (ECF Nos. 18, 43.) We write to clarify whether the Plaintiffs may appear in person through lead counsel for the State of New York, with remaining counsel to appear telephonically; or whether the Court requires instead that counsel for all thirty-three co-plaintiffs appear in person. Defendants join Plaintiffs' request to participate telephonically. Specifically, although lead counsel for Defendants will appear in person, Defendants request that three additional attorneys be permitted to participate telephonically.

If the Court permits parties to appear telephonically, we request that the Court set up a conference call line for the May 9 hearing, and to provide call-in instructions to the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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